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Examiner:

For: STORAGE SYSTEM AND A METHOD FOR DIAGNOSING FAILURE OF THE STORAGE SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1417 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- A check in the amount of \$ 650.00 is attached in payment of: Credit Card Payment Form - 3 indep & 1 add. claims.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.
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- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 13 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes. The drawings are attached following page 14 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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